

THE MAELSTROM.

How to See the Edge of the Great Whirlpool.

On the coast of Norway, between two islands of the Lofoten group, is the largest whirlpool in the world. Its name, Maelstrom, means "whirling stream," and the title is well earned.

The great Maelstrom is no longer held in superstitious fear, and maritime charts have taught the sailors of the world where the danger lies and how to avoid it, so that accidents rarely occur—never except through ignorance or a previous disaster that has rendered a vessel unmanageable.

Several years ago the captain of a sailing vessel, desirous of seeing the famous whirlpool at close quarters, was assured by his Norwegian pilot that he might venture near enough for examination without danger. And here is what the captain said:

"I went on the main topsail yard with a good glass. I had been seated but a few minutes when my ship entered the dish of the whirlpool. The velocity of the water altered her course three points toward the center. This alarmed me extremely for a moment. I thought destruction was inevitable. But she answered her helm nobly, and we ran along the edge, the waters foaming round us in every form."

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To prevent a stoppage of the government machinery opposition was withdrawn, and his master clung tenaciously to his dumplings. Then the imperial phrase became proverbial, and thereafter when any one insisted on gratifying a silly whim some one was sure—as much so as the water in a funnel when half run out. The noise, too, hissing, roaring, dashing, all pressing on the mind at once, presented the most awful, grand and solemn sight I ever beheld. We were near it about eighteen minutes and in sight of it two hours. It is evidently a subterranean passage. From its magnitude I should not doubt that instant destruction would be the fate of a dozen of our largest ships were they drawn in at the same moment. The pilot says that several vessels that had become unmanageable have been sucked down and that whales have also been destroyed."

THE SHOW WINDOW.

Don't neglect the upper part of the window.

Don't stick to one style of trimming. Branch out.

Don't skimp on elbow grease in cleaning the glass.

Don't wait till a trim is dry speckled before changing it.

Don't overlook the utility of a certain number of fixtures.

Don't be afraid to try something new in the way of a display.

Don't fill a sunny window with goods that the sun will discolor.

Don't let the window stand too long. A week is about the limit.

Don't be afraid to spend a little money on the trim. It will come back.

Don't fail to call the local newspaper's attention to each nice trim that you make.

Don't prolong the trimming unnecessarily. A quick change will impress the public more.

Don't copy. But you can elaborate or change some one else's ideas without being open to the criticism of copying—Exchange.

A Wonderful Faculty of the Triton.

The Triton, a spotted, lizard-like, rapile found in almost every state in the Union, has a most wonderful power of regenerating amputated parts. But not the great French naturalist, experimented on the little creatures by amputating their legs and tails and by so doing found that their powers of reproduction were almost unlimited.

In one instance an amputated leg was reproduced twelve times, in three years, and in another an eye was grafted out and reproduced in less than twelve months.

The loss of a tail does not appear to discommode a Triton except to give him a sort of unbalanced gait. Tails clipped from the specimens Bonapart kept to experiment were invariably reproduced in from five to nine weeks.

The Dungeon.

The dungeon, or keep, of the castle was a tower within, much stronger than the rest of the structure and designed as a last resort for the garrison when the walls and other portions of the fortification had fallen into the hands of the enemy. The dungeon was generally provided with a secret exit, a tunnel being constructed, often many hundreds of yards in length, leading to some concealed outlet through which the besieged could receive succor or, in time of necessity, escape.

Rather Mixed.

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A Sure Sign.

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In Methusalem's Time.

Kind Old Lady—What ails the baby? He looks healthy, I'm sure. The Nurse—Oh, he is, the little dear! But he's peevish today on account of cutting his whiskers.—Puck.

A small teaspoonful of powdered gum arabic, with the same amount of glycerin, stirred into a tumblerful of cold water and drunk slowly, will often work wonders in quenching thirst.

AN EMPEROR'S TASTE.

It was the origin of a common saying in Austria.

An anecdote which was current of Ferdinand I of Austria at one time greatly delighted his subjects and gave rise to a common saying. One summer day he was hunting in the Syrian mountains and was overtaken by a violent thunderstorm. He sought refuge in a farmhouse whose occupants were just then at dinner, and his fancy was caught by some smoking dumplings made of coarse flour. He tasted them, liked them and asked for more, and when he got to Vienna, to the horror of the royal cooks, he ordered the same dumplings to be served up daily.

The courtiers were scandalized that such a coarse dish should figure on the menu, and even his physicians remonstrated against the use of such food.

The emperor had always been the most pliant of men, but he now showed that he had a will of his own and persisted in gratifying his new fancy. Finally the physicians pretended that it was dangerous to his health to be living on dumplings and insisted on his giving them up. The hitherto docile sovereign stamped his foot and declared that he would never sign another official document if his diet were denied him.

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RELATING TO IRON.

Discovery of the Metal, According to Various Authorities.

The Bible speaks of Tubal Cain as the discoverer of iron and the father of smiths. The Egyptians imputed to Hephaestus the same honor, while Phoenicians attributed it to their king, Dactyls on Mount Ida, after the forests on the mountain side had been destroyed by lightning. This was about 1492 years B. C. Jeremiah and Ezekiel both mention iron in their Scriptural writings, the latter specially mentioning two qualities of the metal and calling one bright iron, which was probably steel.

Moses mentions an iron furnace, and Job speaks of it as being taken out of the earth. Thousands of years before the opening of the Christian era the Egyptians used iron in making sickles, knives and such things. Sparta first used iron for money. Britain also used it as a medium of barter and exchange prior to the conquest by the Romans.

The Britons before the time of Christ used to export iron to Gaul, and after the Roman conquest the conquerors established extensive smelting works, which existed at least as far as the Saxon conquest.—*St. James' Gazette*.

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Racial Discrimination.

A small French-Italian coasting steamer was proceeding on its way.

The passengers were of various nationalities—English, American, French, Italian and one large German. Most of the male passengers were gathered in the smoking room when the steward appeared at the door and with a bow announced, "Master, it is service."

The English and American contingent arose and started toward the dining saloon. The steward, seeing that his announcement had not been understood by all, continued, "Master, you are not servile?" and as a portion of the passengers still remained seated, "I praise a servile!"

The French and Italians followed the English and Americans, leaving the large German in solitary state.

"Hmme!" he muttered hungerously. "Is it not German men get something to eat on this boat, hein?"—*Harper's Weekly*.

The Magician of India.

Applying for a post in the police of the central provinces of India, a native wrote: "I have a good long equine nose, piercing eyelashes on a semi-globular face and a good physique. My family has a history that takes my imagination back to three pedigrees, when my grandfather was a millionaire. With the viselitude and times matter change and my father was driven to the necessity to accept a schoolmastership. Ultimately he enjoyed his well earned pension by the time he gave up his ghost. In case my aspirations turn out a reality I shall as a matter of course be bound to prey God for your long life and prosperity."

Conger Eels.

Conger eel, hunt for the octopus and, when found, proceed to browse on its limbs. The octopus tries to hug the slippery, slimy conger tight, but in vain, and, finding its limbs growing less, discharges its ink in the face of the foe and under cover of the turbid water beats a hasty retreat. It is to escape the too pressing attention of its foes that the octopus possesses the power of changing its color to correspond with that of its surroundings.

Arthur & Stanford.

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NOTICE.

The following petition has been received by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield:

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., March 10, 1900.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD:

The undersigned subscribers, owners of one-sixth of the lands fronting on the hereinbefore mentioned street, do hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to consider the following:

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